CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked F.A.P. NO. STP-3057 (4) N, S.H.A. NO.BC-320-001-815, BALTIMORE CITY NO. TR00017 RECONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE FROM LANCASTER STREET TO 200 FEET NORTH OF MADISON STREET will be received at the office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. MAY 12, 2004.

Board of Estimates employees will be stationed at the Security Unit Counter just inside the Holliday Street entrance to City Hall from 10:45 A.M. every Wednesday to receive bids from Bidders who feel they would not be able to deliver the bid envelope to Room 204 by 11:00 A.M. due to a possible delay by the security check and scanner process. The bids will be processed with a hand scanner, paced in a box and promptly at 11:00 A.M., the box will be sealed and brought to Room 204 City Hall, Comptroller's Office. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. and at 12:00 Noon on said date they will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215 in said City Hall.

Baltimore City hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award. Also, the Bidder's attention is called to the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246) which is a part of the Contract proposal. All of these activities shall be done in accordance will Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended.

It is the goal of the Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises participate in all Federal-Aid Contracts. The total Disadvantaged Business (DBE) goal for this project is <u>25%</u>. In accordance will Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, Women are included in the definition of DBE and will be counted toward meeting this goal. <u>THE CONTRACTOR SUBMITTING A BID ON THIS CONTRACT WILL SUBMIT A DBE PARTICIPATION PROGRAM IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS</u>.

Plans, specifications and other contract Documents may be examined without charge at the Baltimore City Department of Public Works Service Center located on the first floor of the Abel Wolman Municipal Building, Baltimore Maryland, 21202 on or after MARCH 26, 2004 and copies thereof may be obtained on payment of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$300.00). Payment will not be refunded.

The Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials, Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, dated October 1993 are to be used in this contract.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check of the Bidder or Bank Cashier's Check or Bank Treasurer's Check drawn on a solvent Clearinghouse made payable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or a Bid Bond executed on the Form as provided in the Bid or Proposal, for an amount which is determined by multiplying the Total Bid or Proposal, for an amount which is determined by multiplying the Total Bid submitted by five percent (5%).

The successful Bidder will be required to give both Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of the Contract price.

The Board of Estimates reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and/or waive technical defects if in its judgment, the interest of the Mayor and City Council may so require.

Bid when filed, shall be irrevocable.

Attention of Bidders is called to the Minimum Wage Rates to be paid on this project.

All Contractors Bidding on this Contract must first be Prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractor's Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410)396-6883 or contact the committee at Room 634, Charles L. Benton Jr. Building, 417 East Fayette, Baltimore Maryland 21202.

The Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be \$30,000,000.00 to \$40,000,000.00.

A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted at <u>10:00 A.M.</u> on <u>APRIL 16, 2004</u> at 417 E. Fayette Street, Charles L. Benton Building, Room 733.

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Bernice H. Taylor

Alfred H. Foxx, Director

Clerk, Board of Estimates

Department of Transportation